

Every church had it's consistory court. They met every week and were called the village "Pious Ones", most always not loved. People were punished when they broke the rules. In the 1600's, members of the court spied on anyone who danced. There was no free agency. People were compelled to attend church or pay the consequences. The courts were dissolved in the Eighteen Hundreds. The village of Lauterbach is the ancestral home of the Minnig family. In Switzerland, the wife's maiden name is attached to the husband's name. Example: Arnold Kunz-Ritter. A man serves in the Swiss military until he is fifty years old. Gasoline is F 2.25 per gallon in Switzerland at this time.

We were tired and happy as we returned to the Chalet Swiss. It is a quiet and comfortable place, a home away from home.